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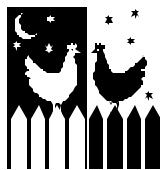
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Retail and food service was mostly fair at best except where retail ads and fast food promotions were active and successful. Supplies were adequate to ample and often discounted; however, in the West, smaller sized product was being held with slightly more confidence. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly slow to fair, with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/03/01-12/08/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	49.50-51.00	50.21	17	52.58	25
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.60	43	51.70	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.88	16
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.00	12
Denver	68.50	68.47	17	66.15	20
Detroit	48.00-50.00	50.69	13	55.62	42
Los Angeles	69.00	67.13	67	63.84	129
New York	48.00-50.00	49.91	23	52.66	43
Philadelphia	48.50-50.00	49.00	10	50.12	21
Pittsburgh	48.50-50.50	49.70	10	56.95	55
St. Louis	49.50-49.75	49.14	19	50.82	39
San Francisco	69.50	68.65	31	67.12	67

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/03/01	Change/Last Wk	11/26/01	1/04/00
548	57.32	-1.50	58.82	58.21

OOB BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-57.00	56.83	38
Central	50.00-58.00	56.34	61
West	50.00-60.50	58.21	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-64.00	63.13	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	
1,150	47.00-66.50	62.38

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	186.50	1,386
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,919
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.00	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	805
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	9,626
WINGS	86.00	3,255

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available with slight discounting often noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate with hopes that first of the month business and retail ads will stimulate additional interest. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items and wings received some renewed interest, but was still sufficient for needs, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's level. Trading reported for this week's delivery on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations of heavy weights unchanged to lower and lightweights unchanged to higher. Offerings ample overall with whole body product over 3 pounds in the longest position. Lightweights held with a certain degree of confidence and heavy weights sharply discounted to help stimulate additional buying interest. Demand by stores somewhat improved where features in progress or planned otherwise fair, restaurants and fast food fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters 28-32 on 4/10s and 26.5-28 on bulk, boneless leg meat 82-83, breast bone-in 58-66 and boneless 115-120. The Los Angeles weighted average for negotiated WOGs was 53.09 down 1.13 from last Monday with the volume reported up 10 percent to 33 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries lower into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Additional product offerings varied for the disinterested buyers. Retail and food service demand was light to fair at best, instances good into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate for needs with sizes desirable. Parts trading was mixed and supplies varied. Leg quarters were abundant, breast items sufficient, wings adequate for the most part. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on leg quarters and breast items, steady on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive and generally lagged behind first-of-the-month expectations. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. *Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 50 to 64 cents.* Trade sentiment was unsettled and generally no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items remained at least adequate for immediate delivery. CORRECTION TO REPORT ISSUED 11/30/01: Less than trucklot asking price should have read: "51 to 65 cents" instead of as sent.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.37
NO. OF BOXES	9,740

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as fair over the weekend and no better than fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was unaggressive. The market tone was cautiously steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.14	419,080
TENDERLOINS	100	102.88	91,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	58.65	190,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	51.39	167,320
LEGS	39-40	43.58	179,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.62	397,466
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.31	104,100
THIGHS	36-37	42.31	66,820
B/S THIGHS	86-87	79.43	115,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	86.04	340,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.32	49,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.86	11,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.60	35,440

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,288	100.00-123.00	100-110	111.17
TENDERLOINS	242	95.00-190.00	95-99	105.95
BREAST - WITH RIBS	192	50.00-84.00	50-52	56.09
FRONT HALVES	600	55.00-61.00	55-58	57.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	113	19.00-27.00	-	21.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,939	25.00-27.00	25	25.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	77	65.00-82.00	82	78.24
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,802	35.00-38.00	35	35.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/03	11/29	11/29	11/26	11/22
ALA	3,925	3,847	5.14	4,055	(A)
ARK	5,393	5,243	4.91	5,146	(A)
DELMARVA	2,263	2,305	5.05	2,270	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,010	2,014	4.56	2,027	Holiday
MISS	2,651	2,822	5.10	2,751	Holiday
NC	2,578	2,635	5.93	2,545	(A)
TEXAS	2,367	2,369	4.94	2,048	Holiday
TOTAL	21,187	21,235	5.09	20,842	4.73
MON	21,187(B)			20,842(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Dec 2001 is estimated to be 31,698,000 up 1.35 percent from a week ago and up 7.66 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,276,000, last year 29,443,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,082	102.00-168.00	115-123	120.11
TENDERLOINS	197	105.00-201.00	105-110	115.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	60.00-66.00	60-62	61.21
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	36.50-49.00	37-39	37.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	432	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,121	23.00-31.50	24-25	24.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	331	70.00-89.00	85-87	84.31
WINGS (CUT)	568	90.00-110.00	93-97	97.35
DRUMSTICKS	67	42.00-49.00	-	44.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 3, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	40.41	40.26

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF DEC-03-07-2001 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 127.00	117.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.50 - 71.00	52.00 - 66.00
LEGS	40.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 40.00	22.00 - 24.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 102.00	79.00 - 81.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81-100
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-107
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 30-NOV-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.50	13.00-15.00	265,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	13.29		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.50-14.00	9.50-12.00	1,142,400	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	12.12	10.60		

20% OR MORE
 RANGE - - - -
 WTD AVERAGE
 * INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate to good with supplies in good balance. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	8.67

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 30-NOV-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE		17.00	509,900	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	14.00-14.75	840,400	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.68	14.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-15.50	10.00-14.00	1,404,500	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.30	12.50		

20% OR MORE
 RANGE - - - -
 WTD AVERAGE
 * INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offering. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and well cleared. The market tone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.59
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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